

I, J C Alexander, am a General-class amateur radio operator and submit the following comment to RM-10785 (Ward Petition).

I DISAGREE with this petition for two reasons. First, even though most operators do not use Morse code (CW), as Mr. Ward notes, I do not believe that is reason alone to discontinue Morse testing. This is a vague comment, and I can see a variety of reasons underlying his observation. For example, are most operators too lazy to use CW? Is it really less efficient than other, non-specified modes? And the questions and answers could continue. Second, just because other countries elect to remove Morse testing should not force the Commission to do so. The recent World Radio Conference merely removed the international requirement. Until a sound alternative is proposed to the current requirement, I do not feel that any changes should be implemented.

This issue will certainly bring extreme comments from both sides of the Morse issue. This Petition, in the writer's opinion, is too vague to offer a positive answer for the amateur service.

Respectfully submitted,

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